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§9.5–503.

(a) The Commission consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) The members shall:

(1) to the extent practicable, be members of the LGBTQ community;

(2) include at least two transgender individuals;

(3) to the extent practicable, reflect the gender, racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of the State;

(4) know about issues facing LGBTQ communities and be sensitive to the problems of LGBTQ communities;

(5) be representatives of the State's LGBTQ communities or have an interest in the success of LGBTQ communities; and

(6) provide value to the work of the Commission.

(c) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

(2) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(3) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a member may be reappointed.

(2) A member who has served two consecutive 4-year terms may not be reappointed until at least 1 year has elapsed after the end of the previous term.

(e) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

(f) A member who fails to attend at least 50% of the regularly scheduled meetings during a 12-month period shall be considered to have resigned from the Commission.

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